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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman and Ranking Member,

I am requesting \$1,650,000 in funding for the Neighborhood Medical Center Maternal & Pediatric Health Clinic in fiscal year 2023 through the Health Resources and Service Administration, Health Facilities Construction and Equipment account.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Neighborhood Medical Center, Incorporated, located at 872 W Orange Ave, Tallahassee, FL 32310.

The funding would be used to acquire property and construct a state-of-the-art facility to house the Neighborhood Medical Center Maternal and Pediatric Health Clinic in Havana, Florida. These funds will increase the number of uninsured and medically underserved maternal and pediatric patients that can be served in Gadsden County. Gadsden County, a rural county in North Florida, consistently ranks in the lowest tier in statewide health outcomes for its residents and even lower for health outcomes related to maternal and infant health. Currently, most expectant mothers travel to Tallahassee to receive obstetric care. Because of the transportation barriers inherent in the lives of uninsured and medically underserved patients, the likelihood of expectant mothers in Gadsden County traveling nearly an hour to Tallahassee to receive quality health care is very low. This facility and the maternal and pediatric services provided will help improve health outcomes and reduce service gaps occurring for expectant mothers and their infants in this area. In addition to those served through direct patient services, the facility will serve other residents through workforce development training, health education programs, and access to innovative telehealth technologies housed at the facility. The Neighborhood Medical Center Maternal and Pediatric Clinic will serve over 1,000 individuals annually.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Al Lawson
Member of Congress